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hand pump. Instruct Fox to purchase, in manner prescribed in regulations, necessary material in Seattle, forwarding proposals and bills here, accepting most favorable bids, payable from epidemic fund. If other material needed wire Bureau and if necessary supply from your stock, rendering account. Acknowledge.

WYMAN.

FOSTER, *Port Townsend Quarantine, Port Townsend, Wash.*

Smallpox at Cape Nome.

NOME, ALASKA, *July 1, 1900.*

SIR: I respectfully report that there are now at this place 17 cases of smallpox.

The cases are, all but 1, among passengers from the steamer *Oregon*, of and from Seattle, and 1 from the steamer *Ohio*, of New York, which sailed from your port (San Francisco) to Seattle, Wash., and then to this port.

The cases have been removed to a camp outside of the town as soon as possible after discovery, and every means taken to prevent spread, but from the local conditions and lack of facilities and appliances there is great danger.

All vessels departing will be directed to report to the quarantine station at the port of their arrival.

Respectfully,

D. H. JARVIS,
First Lieutenant, R. C. S.,
Acting Special Agent Treasury Department.

Inspection service at Dutch Harbor.

DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA, *July 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Bureau that on my arrival at this station I find the hospital building almost ready for occupancy and of a character suitable for the purposes intended. The hospital supplies are not, however, expected to arrive here much earlier than August 1. It will not, therefore, be practicable to open the hospital for admission of patients for some time to come.

I find that the officers of the Revenue Cutter Service have, on account of the reported existence of 30 or more cases of smallpox at Nome, instituted an inspection of vessels arriving from the above-named port. As the cutters will shortly sail from this port, I propose, subject to the approval of the Bureau, to continue this inspection. For this purpose, it will be necessary to hire a rowboat and one or more oarsmen, in the absence of a launch.

This letter is written hurriedly in order that it may be forwarded by the revenue cutter *Manning*, which is on the point of sailing. Further details will be forwarded to the Bureau as opportunity is offered.

Respectfully,

DUNLOP MOORE,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Mobile refuses to allow passengers on fruit vessels from all fruit ports of Central America.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 28, 1900.*

Mobile refuses to allow passengers hereafter on fruit vessels from all fruit ports of Central America.

WYMAN.

VANCE, *American Consulate, Belize, British Honduras.*

Same message was sent to the following: Backus, American consulate, Livingston, Guatemala; Franklin, American consulate, La Ceiba, Honduras; Goodman, American consulate, Bluefields, Nicaragua; Thomas, American consulate, Port Limon, Costa Rica; Mohr, American consulate, Bocas del Toro, Colombia; Peters, American consulate, Puerto Cortez, Honduras.

Executive order directing the detail of an officer of the Marine-Hospital Service on the staff of the Governor-General of Cuba.

[Circular No. 39, Division of Customs and Insular Affairs.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., June 30, 1900.

The following order of the President, relative to the Marine-Hospital Service in Cuba, is hereby published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, D. C., June 29, 1900.

On and after July 15, 1900, there shall be detailed on the staff of the military governor of the island of Cuba, as chief of the quarantine service established by Executive Order of January 17, 1899, a commissioned officer of the Marine-Hospital Service, who shall, on the 1st day of each month, or at such other periods as may be directed by the military governor, submit to the military governor a detailed estimate of the quarantine expenses of the island of Cuba. After the approval of such estimate by the military governor the chief quarantine officer shall make requisition for the funds required in favor of the disbursing officer or agent who shall pay the bills and vouchers on account of the quarantine service upon the certificate of an officer detailed under Executive Order of January 17, 1899, and after approval by the chief quarantine officer. The disbursing officer or agent shall render his accounts of such disbursements in accordance with the rules and instructions to carry into effect the Executive Order of May 8, 1899, relative to the military government of the United States in the island of Cuba during the maintenance of such government.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

This order to be duly proclaimed and enforced in Cuba.

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Yellow fever in Hillsboro County, Fla.

Last night, August 2, a telegram was received from Surgeon White that the health officer of Hillsboro County had wired the State quarantine officer of the presence of 2 cases of yellow fever in Hillsboro County. Surgeon White and the State quarantine officer started for Tampa at once.

Arrangement for the medical examination of immigrants arriving on freight steamers at New York.

NEW YORK, N. Y., *July 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that I have within the past few days had a conference with the commissioner and assistant commissioner of